the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1985 during the period from 14.11.1985 to 29.7.1986 is 643.

(e) The field formations remain vigilant to check the smuggling of drugs. The intelligence machinery has been geared up. In addition to to appropriate anti-smuggling measures taken in co-ordination with the Central and State Government authorities concerned, close co-operation with the international agencies concerned and also with the drug law enforcement agencies of U.S.A. ,U.K., etc. is maintained to curb smuggling of drugs. A new organisation under the name of, 'Narcotics Control Bureau' has been set up for effectively co-ordinating action against illicit traffic in drugs. The matter is also kept under constant review for appropriate action.

Operation of Branches of Nationalised banks abroad

1333. SHRIMATI SUDHA VIJAY JOSHI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to bring in all the branches of nationalised banks operation in foreign countries under one single agency;

(b) if so, what are the details of the proposal; and

(c) by when it is going to be impiemented?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) Government is not considering at present any specific proposal to bring in all the branches of nationalised banks operating in foreign countries under one single agency.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Glut in yarn production

1334. SHRI SURAJ PRASAD: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is glut in yarn production;

(b) whether it is also a fact that it has had to crisis in yarn production units and labourers are facing retrenchment; and

(c) what steps are being taken by Government to meet the situation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI KHURSHID ALAM KHAN): (a) No Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Trade Development Authority and UNDP

1335 SHRIMATI KRISHNA KAUL: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Trade Development Authority is likely to tie up with UNDP for export of electronic components; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI BRAHM DUTT): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Trade Development Authority has formulated a two-year programme for increasing export or Electronic Components to US market. The UNDP has agreed, in principle, to provide technical and financial assistance for this programme. This programme is intended to improve the market access for the Indian electronic components in USA and establish business relationship between the Indian exporters and the US buyers.

Meeting the threat of "Copperhead" Missiles of Pakistan

†1336 SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that Pakistan is acquiring highly accurate tank destroyers, the 'Copper-

†Previously Unstarred Question 1007, transferred from the 31st August, 1986.

head' one of the most sophisticated artillery items over produced by the US; and

(b) if so, what steps are proposed to be taken by Government tot equip the Indian forces to meet the threat posed by the 'Copperhead' missiles?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI K. R. NARAYANAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) All developments affecting India's security are kept under constant watch and appropriate measures taken to ensure full defence preparedness.

Unclaimed P.F. amount

1337. SHRIMATI KRISHNA KAUL: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) what is the amount of Provident Funds dues which is lying unclaimed by Provident Fund Organisations in the country;

(b) what are the reasons for which these amounts are lying unclaimed; and

(c) what steps are being taken to pay these amounts to the subscribers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI P. A. SANGMA): (a) A sum of about rupees fourteen crores is lying unclaimed with the Provident Fund Organisation:

(b) The amount has remained unpaid mainly on account of non-receipt of the claims from either the subscriber or his/her nominee/legal heir:

(c) The EPF authorities have been instructed to make all our efforts to locate the subscribers who have not preferred their claim For this purpose, they have been asked to give suitable publicity by displaying the particulars of unclaimed deposits on the notice boards of the factories establishments and also to enlist the cooperation of employers/trade unions in finding out the whereabout of the subscribers.

Application for 100 per cent export-oriented units

1338. SHRI M. VINCENT: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of applications for issue of letter of intent/approval of 100 per cent export-oriented units pending with Government;

(b) whether there are different norms for according approval in the export zone area and outside the area; and

(c) whether there is any time limit for issue of approval from the date of receipt of such application?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI BRAHM DUTT): (a) 79 applications for units to be set up under the 100 per cent EOU Scheme were pending as on 31st July, 1986.

(b) Separate schemes govern the establishment of a project within the Export Processing Zone and the setting up of a project as a 100 per cent Export Oriented Unit outside the Zone. The norms for consideration in both cases, however, take into account, among other things, the nature of the activity, its techno-economic feasibility in the specific circumstances and net foreign exchange realisations etc.

(c) Applications under the 100 per cent EOU Scheme, which are complete in all respects are expected to be cleared within a period of 30 days after registration in the case of Non-MRTP cases, and within 60 days after registration, in the case of MRTP cases. In the case of units within Export Processing Zones applications are expected to be cleared within 45 days.

उत्तर प्रदेश में आयकर के छापे

1339. **डा. रत्नाकर पाण्डेय** : क्या वित्त मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) इस वर्ष उत्तर प्रदेश में काले-धन का पता लगाने के लिए आयकर विभाग द्वारा मारे गए छापों की संख्या कितनी है ;